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CONGRESSMAN JACKSON VOTES FOR BUDGET BLUEPRINT TO PUT PEOPLE BACK TO WORK

AND TURN THE ECONOMY AROUND

Washington, D.C. -- Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. voted today in support of a budget that reflects President Obama's priorities and makes critical investments in health care, energy and education. The House passed the budget resolution for Fiscal Year 2010 by a vote of 233 to 196.

Congressman Jackson said, "This budget represents a concrete, comprehensive and crucial plan to clean up the fiscal mess and economic crisis created by the previous administration. It's

a blueprint to put people back to work and turn the economy around."

"This Congress has already worked alongside President Obama to take bold, immediate action to save or create 3.5 million jobs, keep families in their homes, and stabilize our financial markets. With this budget, we take additional steps to continue the turnaround and lay the foundation for our nation's long-term growth and prosperity.

"The budget reflects the President's major priorities, making targeted, strategic investments in health care, clean energy and education. These investments will help to address some of our biggest economic challenges and make the country healthier and cleaner, and more competitive and prosperous for decades to come.

"The measure also cuts taxes for middle income families by \$1.5 trillion. It includes tax relief for small businesses and extends income tax cuts for taxpayers making under \$250,000 each year. In doing so, this plan restores fairness and balance to our tax code.

"Moreover, the House begins to reverse Bush's dismal legacy of runaway deficits and massive debt. The budget blueprint cuts the deficit that President Obama inherited by two-thirds by 2013, putting the country back on stable and sustainable fiscal ground.

"The House's budget is responsible and honest. It meets the challenges of the moment and makes sound investments in our future. It will transform and strengthen America in the months and years ahead."

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